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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application Of: )

Jeffrey W. Chen )

Serial No.: )

Filing Date: November 22, 2000 )

Entitled: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
ATTACHING HEAT EXCHANGE )  
UNIT AND VALVE TO THE BOTTOM )  
OF SELF-COOLING AND SELF- )  
HEATING FOOD OR BEVERAGE )  
CONTAINERS )

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the Divisional Application filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows: